

S3 2022/23 Virtual Coursing

Course choice support for parents and
our current S2 pupils.

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Achievement, Service, Perseverance, Inclusion, Respect and Excellence

Moving from the Broad General Education to the Senior Phase

- Our S1 – S3 curriculum offers **challenge, enjoyment, breadth, depth** and **relevance** of learning.
- As your child moves into S3, it is important that we now give further consideration to the **progression** of learning as well as **personalisation** and **choice**.
- Pupils should now consider which subjects they would like to study in more detail throughout S3 and beyond.
- In S3, all pupils will continue to study Mathematics, English and Physical Education. They must also choose 6 additional subjects on which they study in greater depth.

A week as an S3 pupil

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
English				Mathematics				Physical Education			Science			Social Subject			Technology			Focus 1			Focus 2			Focus 3			+	P S E	R E	R E

- All pupils will study English (4 periods), Mathematics (4 periods) and Physical Education (3 periods).
- All pupils should choose a Science, Social and a technology subject.
- Pupils can then choose 4 subjects from the following columns; we call these your focus subjects.
- There is an additional per week which we are planning to use for Digital Literacy, Numeracy and Literacy.

The Course Choice form

CHOOSE ONE subject from each column that you would like to FOCUS on going forward into S3 - think about the future: what would you like to study for a qualification in your Senior School Phase?								Compulsory	Curricular Areas	
4 pds	4 pds	3 pds	3 pds	3 pds	3 pds	3pds	3 pds	HWB	Expressive Arts	
<i>Compulsory</i>		<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Technologies</i>				PE+ RME PSE	Health & Wellbeing	✓
English	Maths	Biology	Geography	Computing	Art & Design	Biology	Art & Design		Languages	✓
		Chemistry	History	CDEG -Design	Biology	CDEG - Design	Chemistry		Mathematics	✓
		Physics	Modern Studies	CDEG - Graphics	Computing	Home Economics	Home Economics		RME	✓
		Science		Music Technology	French	Music	Music Technology		Sciences	✓
					History	Spanish	School of Football		Social Studies	✓
					Music	Business Studies			Technologies	✓

- Pupils must choose **one subject per column**.
- Please note that subjects not studied in S3 **cannot** be taken in S4. It is therefore essential that pupils consider their long term career aspirations and the subjects they would like to study in the senior phase (S4-6).

For example:

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Compulsory		Science	Social Studies	Technologies				PE+ RME PSE	Health & Wellbeing	✓
English	Maths	Biology	Geography	Computing	Art & Design	Biology	Art & Design		Languages	✓
		Chemistry	History	CDEG -Design	Biology	CDEG - Design	Chemistry		Mathematics	✓
		Physics	Modern Studies	CDEG - Graphics	Computing	Home Economics	Home Economics		RME	✓
		Science		Music Technology	French	Music	Music Technology		Sciences	✓
					History	Spanish	School of Football		Social Studies	✓
					Music	Business Studies			Technologies	✓

Please Note: If choices do not fit in the grid above please let the guidance teacher know, as there is a certain amount of flexibility when creating classes.

Making your choices

- **All pupils** should make an appointment to complete course choices with their guidance teacher via our **parents evening booking system**. Information on how to do this will be sent to parents via email.
- Pupils should discuss their choices with their parents before the appointment and have an idea of what they would like to choose beforehand. Choices should then be confirmed during the appointment with the guidance teacher. Any issues can be discussed during this time.
- Pupils should make an appointment with their guidance teacher whether a parent is available for the meeting or not. Please note that pupils will attend the appointment in person whereas parents will attend virtually.

We are here to help

We hope that you find this process straightforward. If you require any further support please contact us though:

- PSE Google Classroom
- School office via school email or telephone number (0131 654 4702)

Link to PDF form on website:

https://www.stdavidshighschool.co.uk/pupils/curricular_choices_and_pathways/curricular_choice_.html

